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IN THE CLAIMS

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9. (previously presented) Biocide composition as an additive to substances susceptible to infestation by harmful organisms, said biocide composition consisting essentially of a biocidal amount of 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one , a biocidal amount of 3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate and a polar or non-polar liquid medium.

10. (previously presented) Biocide composition according to claim 9, characterized in that it contains 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one and 3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate in a weight ratio of (100-1):(1-50).

11. (previously presented) Biocide composition according to claim 10, characterized in that it contains 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one and 3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate in a weight ratio of (15-1):(1-8).

12. (previously presented) Biocide composition according to claim 9, characterized in that it contains 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one and 3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate in a total concentration of 1 to 20% by weight based on the total biocide composition.

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13. (previously presented) Biocide composition according to claim 9 characterized in that it contains a polar and/or a nonpolar liquid medium.

14 (previously presented) Biocide composition according to claim 9, characterized in that it contains as polar liquid medium water, an aliphatic alcohol having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a glycol, a glycol ether, a glycol ester, a polyethylene glycol, a polypropylene glycol, N,N-dimethylformamide, 2,2,4-trimethylpentanediolisobutyrate, or a mixture of such substances.

15. (previously presented ) Biocide composition according to claim 9, characterized in that the polar liquid medium is water and the composition has a pH value of 6 to 8.

16. (previously presented) A method of combatting harmful microorganisms which comprises applying an effective amount of a biocide composition according to claim 9.

17. (previously presented) A biocide composition according to claim 9, said biocide composition consisting essentially of 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one and 3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate in a weight ratio of (100-1) : (1-50) and a polar or non-polar liquid medium.

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18. (previously presented) Biocide composition according to claim 9, said biocide composition consisting of a biocidal amount of 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one , a biocidal amount of 3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate and a polar or non-polar liquid medium.

19. (previously presented) Biocide composition according to claim 18, characterized in that it contains 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one and 3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate in a weight ratio of (100-1):(1-50).

20. (previously presented) Biocide composition according to claim 19, characterized in that it contains 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one and 3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate in a weight ratio of (15-1):(1-8).

21. (previously presented) Biocide composition according to claim 9 characterized in that it contains 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one and 3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate in a total concentration of 1 to 20% by weight based on the total biocide composition.

22. (previously presented) Biocide composition according to claim 9, characterized in that it contains a polar and/or a nonpolar liquid medium.

23. (previously presented) Biocide composition according to claim 9, characterized in that it contains as polar liquid medium water, an aliphatic alcohol having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a glycol, a glycol ether, a glycol ester, a polyethylene glycol, a polypropylene glycol, N,N-dimethylformamide, 2,2,4-trimethylpentanediolmonoisobutyrate, or a mixture of such substances.

24. (previously presented) Biocide composition according to claim 9, characterized in that the polar liquid medium is water and the composition has a pH value of 6 to 8.

25.(previously presented) A method of combatting harmful microorganisms which comprises applying to said microorganisms an effective amount of a biocide composition according to claim 9.

26.(previously presented) A biocide composition, said biocide composition consisting of 2-methylisothiazolin-3-one and 3-iodo-2-propynyl-N-butylcarbamate in a weight ratio of (100-1):(1-50) and a polar or non-polar liquid medium.